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AGRICULTURE MARKETING NETWORK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken new measures to strengthen, upgrade and expand the Agriculture Marketing Network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated in this regard during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government has approved two new schemes, namely, Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network and Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidyfor Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages forHorticultural Produce for bringing about improvements in the present Agricultural Marketing network in the country. Under the Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network it is proposed to establish a nationwide information network forspeedy collection and dissemination of market information/data for their efficient and timely utilisation. Under this Scheme, all important Agricultural Produce Markets andState Agricultural Marketing Boards/Departments all over the country, will be linked upthrough a computer network. While the subsidy under the scheme of Capital investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages andStorages is 25% subject to a ceiling of Rs.50 lakhs per project, subsidy for projects in the North-Eastern Region is fixed at a higher level of 33.33% subject to a ceiling of Rs.60 lakhs.

(c): A sum of Rs.2.35 crores has been provided under the scheme of Agricultural Marketing Information Network and subsidy of Rs.78 crores for setting up of these cold storages during 2000-2001.